

MCGILL DAILY

by arnold bennett

Zinner and Hardy take elections

More than 3,000 students trooped to the polls yesterday to cast their ballots for President and External Vice-President of the Students' Society. The turnout, nearly 20 per cent of those eligible, was double that of previous elections.

Gabor Zinner, with 1144 votes, is the new President, while Whitney Hardy, with 1358 votes, is the new External Vice-President. They will hold office until July 1, 1972, replacing Richard Pomerantz and Allan Tanny, who resigned in a huff in December.

David Rovins, whose name was removed from the presidential ballot early yesterday by Chief Returning Officer Martin Shapiro, held down all three executive positions prior to the election. He was disqualified when he failed to hand in his resignation as Internal V-P. Rovins' term of office expires July 1.

Steve Leopold placed second to Zinner with 984 votes. The other presidential candidates were Phil Grodinsky with 316, Allan Berger with 232, Tom Davis with 218 and Israel Zelechowsky with 173.

In the Vice-Presidential contest Bruce Campbell was second with 671, followed by Mike Price with 495, Sheldon Chad with 240 and Leon Piasetski with 195.

Daphne MacLean, with 45 votes, won the Physical and Occupational Therapy Council seat. Karen Fransblow was the runner-up with 38. In her platform MacLean said that she was "considering applying for an international Students' Council in Peru this summer" and that "serving on the Council will be good preparation."

According to Zinner, the problems which require immediate attention are the foreign student fee hike and the Réseau Report issued by Quebec. He intends to use established channels to resist the fee hike, although "if that fails we'll have to resort to more militant means." The President asked for the cooperation of all groups in the International

Students Association.

Zinner intends to press for clarification of the intentions of the Réseau Report. "If the centralizing tendencies still persist," he warned, "then we'll have to forcefully press our interests in Quebec City."

Internally, Zinner wants to "resuscitate a disintegrating Students' Society and put our house into order by working towards harmony within the Executive and within Council." He is optimistic about success. "Most councillors are serious individuals prepared to work towards a reconstruction of the Society."

Zinner also promises live music in the union ballroom. When asked about the cost he replied, "I have friends."

The new President added that he would like to generate "an intense and self-critical debate on campus reappraising the nature of the Students' Society and its future." He invited the Academic Activities Committee to "participate as members of the McGill community in the process of redefinition. I have every reason to believe that their contribution will be constructive."

On the subject of McGill's role in Quebec Zinner stressed that "the English-speaking minority in this province exceeds one million. That exceeds that of seven provinces in this country. We need not feel

apologetic about surviving as a cultural and linguistic community, and clearly English-language education fulfills a vital function."

Zinner promised to elaborate on these views at future open forums.

Prior to the release of the election results Presidential runner-up Steve Leopold discussed the issue of selection of student senators.

"The possibilities are great that if the present system continues, the quality of senators could be low," he warned.

Zelechowski and Piasetski expressed the hope that the new executive would act on some of their proposals. "We ran a low-key campaign," they said.

Tom Davis expressed similar aspirations and said that he was "fairly satisfied" with the support he received. "It shows some dissatisfaction with the present system of student government," Davis had advocated a study and a referendum to find out what kind of government the students wanted.

Finally, Sheldon Chad, an E-1 student who ran for external vice-president on a platform which promised beer at cost in the union, predicted that his political future at McGill "is not all that bleak."

None of the other candidates was available for comment.



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ZINNER IS ON THE RIGHT. New Students' Society Gabor (Gabby) Zinner described the events following his victory as "something like an engagement party". Companion-in-arms Whitney Hardy was elected External Vice-President.

by sheldon goldfarb

Emergency meeting of students called today to discuss senate action on elections

An emergency meeting of all students will be held in the Union Ballroom at 1 pm to decide on action to be taken in light of Senate's decision to interfere in Students' Society affairs.

The meeting was called last night after the Students' Society election by a group of concerned students.

The emergency situation was precipitated yesterday afternoon when David Rovins, Internal Vice-President and formerly Acting President of the Students' Society, presented a motion to Senate demanding an investigation into the "legality or illegality" of removing his name from the ballot in the Presidential election. His name was removed after he refused to comply with a ruling by the Judicial Committee of the Students' Society that he resign as Vice-President in order to run for President.

Principal Bell ruled that Senate had jurisdiction on Rovins' motion, according to Article 11 of the Students' Society Constitution. This article states that the object of the Society is "to exercise control of the student activities and to represent the students subject to the University Statutes and to the jurisdiction of the Senate."

Certain senators had misgivings about the effects of Senate interference, but the motion was passed with an amendment providing that Senate first set up a committee to investigate whether there are grounds to investigate the election. Stanley Frost, Vice-Principal of Professional Affairs, seconded the motion.

Student Senator Bruce Katz pointed out at last night's meeting that by acting on the motion, Senate was assuming

jurisdiction over the Students' Society and its elections. He said that Senate has taken over the right to interfere and is only considering whether there is reason to do so in this case. He characterized Senate's action as an attempt to overrule the Judicial Committee and to set a precedent for interference in student affairs.

Chief Returning Officer Martin Shapiro said that Senate's action was unconstitutional, and this view was supported by Katz, who said the constitution allows the Senate to overrule the Judicial Committee only in disciplinary action, not in electoral matters.

Devinder Garewal emphasized that it must be recognized that interference in student affairs has begun and that a situation similar to the one at Sir George Williams University, where the administration suspended the Students' Society, could develop.

It was also pointed out that last year when presidential candidate Errol Naiman wanted to appeal a ruling of the Judicial Committee, he threatened to take it to the public law courts, thus indicating that the Students' Society was independent within McGill. It was agreed that Rovins had undermined the independent position of the Society by appealing to the Senate, that he had given away the power of the Society.

Rovins was present for part of last night's meeting, but when asked to clarify what had happened in Senate, he left when directed to wait his turn on the speaker's list.

Some people at the meeting questioned whether action was needed, saying that Senate

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hadn't actually done anything yet. Newly elected Students' Society President Gabor Zinner at first agreed with this view, but when it was pointed out that Senate had passed a motion and set up a committee to interfere in student affairs, he changed his position and said that he would use his mandate to issue a statement condemning Senate interference.

It was also suggested by some students that an open letter of protest be published in the *Daily*.

Other students questioned the effectiveness of such measures, however, and advocated stronger action. "We want to take strong steps to protest the actions of Senate and the Administration," said Martin Shapiro. "We want to give them a kick in the ass, and a kick in the ass isn't just a pinch in the pants."

Shapiro said that Zinner could call an official emergency meeting of the Students' Society with three days' notice. This suggestion was received favourably, but many felt that three days would be too long to wait. After some discussion on this point, everyone, including Zinner, agreed to hold an unofficial meeting, called by concerned students, today.

TODAY

CUS: Open meeting. Leacock 116, 1-2 p.m.; all welcome.

TELEGRAM SERVICE: Via Amateur Radio. Blanks and instructions at Union Box Office, Union 401, or phone 392-8942.

OLD MCGILL: Grad photos at Gerald Campbell Studios, 842-6037. Deadline Feb. 15.

RED AND WHITE: Tickets for 3's Company on sale at Union Box Office.

YELLOW DOOR: Eric and Morty Nagler, traditional folk. 3625 Aylmer, 8-midnight.

HILLEL: Group sensitivity with Dan Daniels. 3460 Stanley, 8 p.m. Also, 5 p.m. meeting to organize OFY projects and 7 p.m. organizational meeting for city-wide newspaper.

COMMUNITY MCGILL: Tutors needed, especially in French, in Pt. St. Charles. Union 414, 12-2 or 392-8980.

FINE ARTS EXHIBITION: Display of first term's work. Fine Arts Dept., Arts Building.

FILM SOCIETY: Godard festival, Leacock 132. Made in U.S.A., 7 p.m.; La Chinoise, 9:30 p.m. 50 cents.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Daily prayer meeting. Union 307, 8:30 a.m. Second in the series on Genesis with Peter MacAskill, The Ideal Man. Union 457, 6:30 p.m.

CAMPUS LEGAL AID: Union 412, 4-7 p.m. 392-8992.

PHYSICS SOCIETY: Chalk River Tour, departure tonite. 7 p.m. from FDA campus-side lobby, return Jan. 28. Transportation and accommodations \$12. For info, contact Mike Rath 744-1282. Last chance to register, L219, 1 p.m. Speaker: Dr. J.M. Robeson.

POLI-SCI DEPT: Prof. Eric Nordlinger to speak on Conflict, Regulation and Divided Societies. Leacock 415-3:15.

JFU: Classes start this week. For info, call 845-9171.

SIGMA CHI: Lunch. 3458 Peel, 1 p.m. 849-5965.

AFRO-ASIAN LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE: A Historical Analysis of Ghana. Speaker: Mac-Hadjor, a Ghanaian stationed in Algeria. Union 123-24, 8 p.m.

ARMENIAN CLUB: Lunch-time get-together. Union 307, 1-2 p.m.

UKRAINIAN SOCIETY: Meeting for all interested in working on Ukrainian Week. Union 327, 3 p.m.

THE EASTER BUNNY AWARDS SOCIETY: Wishes to announce that this year's award, a birthday cake mounted with sugar-coated, fluffy-tailed, adorable little bunnies, goes to Bob. We apologise for the four-month delay in making the presentation.

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Georgia Straight goes guerrilla

VANCOUVER (CUP) Two factions of the underground newspaper, the Georgia Straight, fought for readers in the city's streets during the weekend.

A collective consisting of writers and production workers occupied the paper's offices early Wednesday and published the Georgia Grape (sic) on Friday.

The Grape contained most of the material that was scheduled to go into this week's Straight before the workers took over the Gastown office in protest against the refusal of editor, publisher, and owner Dan McLeod to agree to a staff decision to collectivize the paper's ownership and structure.

McLeod published a newspaper bearing the Straight's logo Thursday, and Vancouverites appeared to be buying both papers at about the same rate by late Saturday — often from vendors standing beside one another.

The staff collective's paper was named the Georgia Grape because McLeod has threatened city printers with lawsuits should they print a paper called the Georgia Straight which is not authorized by him. It was ready for publication Wednesday night but the collective couldn't find a printer until Friday, largely because of McLeod's threats.

The collective intends to occupy the office and publish its own paper at least until negotiations with McLeod are arranged.

Most of the old Straight's writers are members of the staff collective, which has been branded "Maoist" and "Trotskyist" by McLeod.

In a satirical response to this, the front page of the Grape bore a cartoon of Mao Tse-tung captioned:

"Nyah-ha-ha: first China, then the Georgia Straight, tomorrow The world . . ."

McLeod appears to have the support of a number of production workers and claims that the staff is evenly divided on the issue of collectivization.

He says he has offered the collective the use of the Straight's office and equipment or get its own paper started, but this has been refused.

In another part of the country, another alternate newspaper is also having internal problems.

In Toronto there has been a split within the staff of Guerilla which has resulted in the suspension of ten members of the paper's general collective and the founding of a new newspaper.

The split came to a head two weeks ago when the ten dissidents published a paper using the Guerilla logo and containing regular Guerilla features. A regular issue of the paper also appeared that week.

At a meeting of the Guerilla staff, the ten people — who were among the most experienced on the staff — were criticized for what was described as their elitism and their hard line on political action. They were then suspended from the newspaper staff.

Those suspended have subsequently founded Cabal which hit the streets last week for the first time. The paper which has offices in Rochdale College will go into competition with Guerilla, which has existed for about three years, and has established a circulation of around 10,000.

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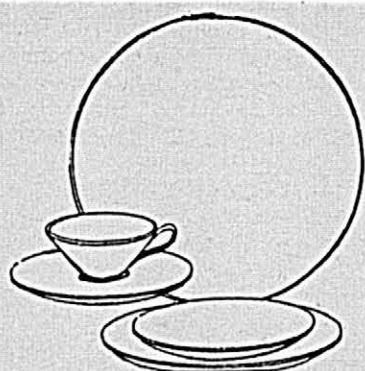
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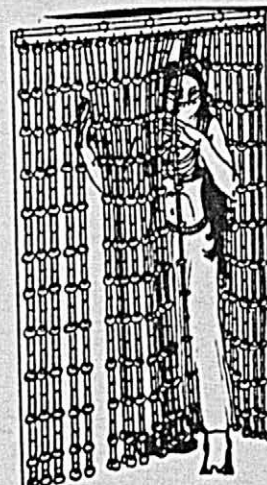
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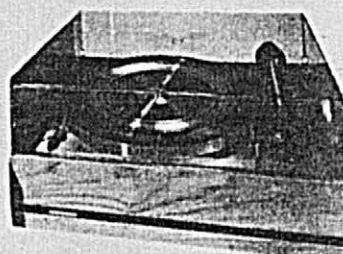
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